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MDMSF 2011-12 scholarship recipients participated in the 2012 Annual Meeting of the MDMSF board of directors. Pictured top row, left to right: Adam Guernsey, Eric Sneller, Jason Smith, Kevin Messing and Ron Groen. Bottom row, left to right: Britney Zondlak, Lauren Bush, Laura Small, Carrie Szybisty, Stacey Choate and Brandon Gingrich.

The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund

At A Glance

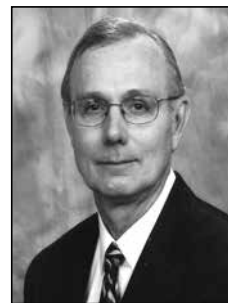
Thanks to the generous support of donors, the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation is proud to highlight a formidable list of scholarships made possible in 2011-2012:

- \$1,500 for fall semester to five freshmen in Ag Tech or 4-year program
- 2,000 for fall semester to five Ag Tech Students
- \$3,500 over two semesters to 12 students in a 4-year program
- **Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship** – \$7,500 over two semesters
- **Russel Erickson Scholarship** – \$5,000 over two semesters
- **Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship** – \$4,000 over two semesters
- **Harold and Lillian Gremel Scholarship** – \$3,500 for a Production Animal Scholar in veterinary school
- **Red and Edna Cotter Purina Memorial Scholarship** – \$4,000 for a Production Animal Scholar in veterinary school. Preference to those with international interest.
- **John and Barbara Dilland Scholarship** – \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with a major in Agribusiness Management
- **Jack and Betty Barnes International Scholarship** – three \$1,000 scholarships for international experiences
- **Archie Studer Scholarship** - \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with interest in dairy breeding or production
- **Nick Bellows Scholarship** - \$3,500 over two semesters for a student with interest in dairy promotion
- **Velmar Green Scholarship** - \$3,500 for a second-year student in the Ag Tech Dairy Management Program



President's Message

In 1957 a diverse group of forward thinking individuals got together and created a partnership, an alliance if you will between the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation and Michigan State University. Their express purpose was to honor members of dairy and allied industries, support educational programs and curriculum for students at Michigan State with a dairy interest, and provide scholarships to worthy undergraduate students in the field of dairy science. As a past recipient of an MDMSF scholarship and a current MDMSF board member, I can attest to the value of that alliance and their ideas.



In 2012 the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation remains healthy. It continues to be relevant to a diverse group of Michigan Dairy Leaders representing the interests of a wide variety of organizations throughout Michigan's dairy industry, the interests of Michigan State, and the interests of students preparing themselves for the challenges of change in the future of our business.

Within our industry we have been confronted with many choices since 1957. We remain however optimistic about the future of the dairy industry. There are a wide variety of dairy related curriculum and career choices at Michigan State from the 2 year Ag Tech program to the College of Veterinary Medicine, each providing a bridge to the future, each equally important. Global dairy markets have grown significantly. Dairy products continue to be a cost effective part of a healthy diet.

Since 1957 the challenges of change have shaped our industry. One constant is the demand for well prepared students to step up to those challenges. Our industry has changed and is changing. Our relationship with Michigan State is evolving. We remain however a committed group of Michigan Dairy Leaders that honors the legacy of colleagues, remains supportive of dairy related programs and curriculum, and provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships for students who have expressed an interest in dairy.

This past year 32 scholarships totaling \$96,000 were awarded ranging from three (3) \$1,000 Jack and Betty Barnes International Scholarships to the \$7,500 Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship. Both our endowed scholarships and our scholarship recipients represent a diverse cross section of interests across the state. We are proud of that diversity and that heritage. The common theme is dairy. Funding for the scholarships comes from generous donations of individuals, firms, and corporations to honor loved ones or colleagues with distinguished service for Michigan's Dairy Industry. What better tribute to honor one's accomplishments than through a memorial endowment for the future. If you are inclined, I urge you to contribute. It is a worthwhile cause. Any MSU undergraduate or veterinary student with an interest in a dairy related career can apply. I urge those students to apply.

MDMSF has VALUE to the Michigan Dairy Industry, to Michigan State, to the legacy of our past, and most importantly to our students and their legacy as our future Michigan Dairy leaders. We continue to be optimistic and forward thinking about their future and the future of Michigan's Dairy Industry. **-Randy BeVier, MDMSF President**

Mark Your Calendar!

September 27, 2012: Deadline for freshman, Ag Tech and vet student scholarship applications

February 28, 2013: Deadline for scholarship applications (new and renewal applications for 4-year students)

April 26, 2013: Annual meeting of MDMSF Board of Directors

For application or more information about MDMSF Scholarships, visit <http://www.ans.msu.edu> and click on the "students" link.



2011-2012 Dairy Memorial Honorees

G. William Robb

G. William Robb recently retired from Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) after over 34 years of informal teaching. While at MSUE, he had a strong emphasis on business management for dairy farmers and other agricultural audiences. Some of his newest initiatives included financial projections and business startups in artisan cheese businesses.



Robb received his bachelor's degree from MSU and a master's degree from Pennsylvania State University. He most recently served as the West Central Michigan Extension Dairy Senior Educator for MSU where he covered a seven-county district. He held other MSUE positions including Dairy/Livestock Agent in St. Clair and Macomb Counties from 1976-1980, Mason County Extension Director from 1980-1989, Allegan County Extension Director from 1989-1995 and Southwest Dairy Educator from 1995-2005.

He served in a variety of leadership roles including 1990 President of the Michigan Associations of Extension Agents, 1991 President of the Michigan Council of Extension Associations, regional vice chair of the communications committee for the National Association of Agricultural Agents (NACAA), past president and director of the County of Allegan Leadership League and member of Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Some of Robb's most notable educational efforts included training 80 people during MSU Artisan Cheese Workshops over the past three years and assisting with a multi-state review of financial projections (FINLRB) for dairy farm expansions in 2000. His other programs of significance include Multiple Component Pricing (MCP) 1993-96, livestock manure management programs, Spanish Dairy Phrases CD ROM, "Welcome to My Parlor" consumer CD and web based dairy education, "Confronting Solid Waste Issues" seminar for local elected officials, formation of Ludington Charter Captains Association and the County of Allegan Leadership League, Oil and Gas Exploration education and the Mastitis Mail Program.

Robb was recognized for his efforts with the 1996 NACAA Distinguished Service Award, 1983 NACAA Achievement Award, 1988 Epsilon Sigma Phi Extension Team Award, 1980 Michigan Association of Extension Agents Presidential Citation and various NACAA Communication Awards including national winner of Published Photo in 2002 and Individual Newsletter 2000.

Throughout his tenure, he enjoyed collaboration with fellow Extension staff, local officials and agribusiness in serving the informal educational needs of clientele.

Keith and Maxine Sowerby

Keith Sowerby was born September 25, 1918 in Barry County, Michigan, the son of Maurice R. and Luella (Addis) Sowerby.



He participated in the Kent County 4-H Club and the Greenville FFA Chapter. A member of the Greenville High School (GHS) class of 1936, Sowerby achieved many accolades while still at GHS including owning and showing the Michigan State Fair's Grand Champion Jersey cow, winning the state FFA Livestock Judging Contest with his team and moving on to the national contest in Kansas City at the American Royal Livestock Show, serving as Treasurer of the State FFA Association and earning the State FFA Degree.

Sowerby worked at the Michigan State College (MSC) Creamery while earning a bachelor's degree in Dairy Science. He was a member of the 1940 MSC Dairy Cattle Judging Team and the 1941 Livestock Judging Team. Following graduation in 1942, Sowerby spent 6 years as herdsman and/or Assistant Manager at North Ridge Jersey Farms in Chesaning and married Margaret Maxine on October 27, 1945. They had two children: Dean Sowerby and Nancy (George) Peck.

He began his nearly 31-year career with the MSU Cooperative Extension Service as the Sanilac County 4-H Club Agent. Several title changes and 19 years later, he was asked to establish the first multi-county MSUE Dairy Agent position in the state. During that period, Keith also completed a master's degree from MSU.

Sowerby is well remembered in Isabella, Montcalm and Ionia Counties as the Extension Dairy Agent for more than 11 years prior to his retirement in 1978. He was a member of the American Dairy Science Association, the American Dairy Science Foundation, Epsilon Sigma Phi and recipient of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents Distinguished Service Award. He also served as secretary of the Sanilac County 4-H Fair for 14 years.

After retirement, Sowerby and his wife handled the secretary duties of the five-county District V Holstein Show as well as leadership responsibilities with their local and district United Methodist Church programs.

While in Sandusky, Maxine was a member of the McKenzie Memorial Hospital Association. After moving to the Clark Retirement Community in 1993, she served other seniors, earning her the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Individual Volunteer Award.

2011-2012 Dairy Memorial Honorees

Earl Horning

Earl Horning's passion for dairy promotion and research is a contagious flame that he passes to his fellow dairy farmers and neighbors. Horning and his family have farmed on the outskirts of Ann Arbor since the 1800s. He and his wife Diane have two children – Jeff Horning and Tricia Burke – and farm in partnership with their son Jeff and daughter-in-law Lynda.

As Ann Arbor grew and began to surround their farm, Horning knew that if he wanted to stay in that area he needed to be a good neighbor and have an open relationship with the surrounding community. Their herd of grazing cows on the hillside is a “living billboard” for dairy promotion – a fact the Hornings are very aware of. Their 375 milking cows have received statewide recognition for production and high quality milk on a consistent basis.

Knowing that dairy promotion starts at home, the Hornings opened their farm in 2011 to 2,000 people from the surrounding communities for “June Dairy Month Breakfast on the Farm.” They have also hosted legislators and USDA officials on their farm.

Horning's first priority when he joined the board of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM) in 1997 was to overhaul the school milk program resolving complaints about temperature and difficult carton opening. Under Earl's leadership, UDIM launched a successful milk vending machine program in the state. He also championed programs like the school breakfast program and the recently released “Fuel up to Play 60” program.

Horning's leadership involvement included being one of several Michigan dairy farmers involved in creating the UDIM spearheaded Michigan Dairy News Bureau, serving on the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) board of directors since 2000 and United Dairy Industry of Michigan since 1997 and serving as director for Dairy Management Inc., since 1997.

He was awarded the 2010 Dairy Farmer of the Year award by the MSU Department of Animal Science and the 2011 National Dairy Board Richard E. Lyng Service Award in recognition of his distinguished service to dairy promotion and research.



Gary Trimner

Like many Michigan Milk Producers Association employees, Gary Trimner grew up with a passion for dairy farming, but never had the opportunity to own a farm. So, he chose the next best thing—working with dairy farmers to provide a quality, efficient product ready for worldwide consumers. Trimner lives up to the title servant leader as he dedicated his 35-year career to helping dairy farmers and fellow employees achieve their goals.

Trimner, who grew up in Hersey, Michigan, developed a passion for cows and farming while working on his family's farm. After graduating high school, he attended college at Ferris State University. He was hired to be an MMPA member representative in the Muskegon area in 1976, promoted to Director of Quality Control in 1978 and named the Director of Member Services and Quality Control in 1988.

Throughout his time at MMPA, Trimner worked diligently and passionately to help MMPA members maximize their productivity through modern herd health and management practices. Under his leadership, MMPA members became known for their high quality milk production and commitment to excellence. Trimner and his team of member representatives have also developed and implemented quality milk programs that have gained national recognition.

In addition to working with members, Trimner also mentored dozens of employees over the years, investing his time and talents into developing future generations of dairy professionals. He sought to help employees and members reach their fullest potential. His greatest accomplishments and lasting legacy came in helping others succeed.

During his tenure at MMPA, Trimner became a leader in the dairy industry, specializing in improving on-farm milk quality and helping develop modern dairy farm inspections. He was instrumental in the development and implementation of the MAEAP (Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program) in Michigan and has been involved in the drafting of several legislative issues concerning dairy farms.



2011-2012 Dairy Memorial Honorees

Nick Bellows

Nick Bellows was born and raised on a 320-acre centennial dairy farm in Eaton Rapids, Michigan where his family milked 40 Holsteins. After serving as an Army Paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division, Nick earned a bachelor's degree in Telecommunications at MSU, and a Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.



In February 2011, Nick retired as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM) with over two and a half decades of service. As CEO, Bellows's record of service included many programs widely recognized as being among the nation's most effective in terms of increasing dairy consumption. Over the course of his tenure, he built a solid network of partners in the Michigan business and scientific community who invested their credibility and financial resources in local dairy promotion programs.

During Bellows's term as CEO, the Dairy Council of Michigan, American Dairy Association of Michigan and UDIM received numerous awards for nutrition education programs, public relations efforts and print and radio advertising, including: the 1994 Nutrition Education Award from the Michigan Department of Public Health for the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Education Module Project, 1994 PACE Crystal Award for Crisis Communications, 1996 Addy Award as well as national print media recognition for UDIM's Sports Nutrition Awards Program, 1996 Children's Health Award from the Michigan Comprehensive School Health Coordinator's Association for UDIM's school health education efforts through Michigan Model, 2001 PACE Public Relations Special Events Award for the "Get Moo-ving with Milk" Tour, 2004 Point of Light Award and Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Award for support of the Metro Detroit Youth Day, 2007 Comprehensive School Health Coordinator's Association Special Recognition, and 2007 and 2008 Awards of Excellence in Crisis Readiness, Crisis Training and Advanced Crisis Readiness & Outreach from Dairy Management, Inc.

Bellows's commitment to the Michigan dairy industry and passion for promoting dairy products continuously inspired those around him. His contributions made a lasting impact on the state and industry.

Dr. Roy S. Emery

Dr. Roy S. Emery was born September 22, 1928, in Charleston, Illinois, to Frank K. and Ella (Geer) Emery. After earning his doctoral degree, Dr. Emery became a professor of Dairy Nutrition, teaching at MSU from 1955 until his retirement in 1996.



Dr. Emery devoted his career to understanding the nutrition of dairy cattle in order to improve their health and the efficiency of milk production. His pioneering research on detection and treatment of ketosis, a common metabolic disease in cattle, and a highly productive 40-year research program earned him worldwide recognition. He made significant contributions benefiting the dairy industry in several different areas of dairy cattle nutrition including low-fat milk syndrome, hepatic lipidosis and ketosis.

Dr. Emery used his research to develop creative solutions to practical problems encountered on dairy farms and was recognized several times by the American Dairy Science Association. He earned the 1961 American Feed Manufacturers Award for best research in dairy cattle nutrition, 1989 prestigious Borden Award for the best contribution to the dairy industry over a ten-year period and the distinction of Fellow in 1997, the highest honor bestowed by the American Dairy Science Association.

As a scientist and teacher, Dr. Emery was described by a colleague as "quietly confident," allowing students ample opportunity to explore and develop their own ideas, while being available to help refine their ideas and give direction. Several of his students went on to become innovative scientists, receiving national and international recognition.

Dr. Emery was a member of the National Research Council's Committee on Animal Nutrition, and was in constant demand as a reviewer of articles for several scientific journals and grant proposals for United States Department of Agriculture, United States-Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund and the United States Department of Energy. Few scientists had careers as long and productive as Dr. Emery's. Fewer still had as much impact on the dairy industry.

On March 17, 1986, he married the former Marilyn Stillson. Dr. Emery had 7 children, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 sisters. He was an avid sailor and gardener and lived in the White Lake area following his retirement.



Dr. Keith E. Sterner

Talented and dedicated animal health providers are critical to the success and productivity of Michigan's dairy industry. Michigan is fortunate to have benefited from the life-long work of one talented veterinarian who has spent his career improving the health and productivity of dairy cattle.

Dr. Keith Sterner, DVM, of Ionia, Michigan, is a leader among bovine practitioners in Michigan and around the country. He joined his father, Ed Sterner, at Sterner Veterinary, PC in 1972 specializing in dairy cattle health. In the 1970s, he and Dr. Jorgen Grymer of Denmark developed the toggle suture method of repairing left displaced abomasums (LDAs) in dairy cattle. He continued to perfect the practice of DA surgery and became a noted expert on the procedure making him a sought-after speaker and writer on issues of dairy cattle health.

Dr. Sterner's interest in dairy cattle spurred him to be active in the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, serving on numerous committees through the years and president in 1988-89. He is also an active member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, chairing several committees over the past 25 years. In 1997-98, he served as the president of the National Mastitis Council (NMC) and chaired the National Mastitis Research Foundation from 1999-2005.

In Michigan, Dr. Sterner has worked with the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Michigan Department of Agriculture on issues of related to dairy cattle health and food animal production. He remains active on issues related to nutrition, reproduction, youngstock and milk quality.

While Dr. Sterner has a remarkable list of accomplishments, it is his admiration and respect for his dairy farmer clients that have made him one of the most sought-after veterinarians in the state. His ability to convert current research studies into practical on-farm applications helped his clients adapt new ideas and methods to make their farms more productive. Dr. Sterner's work on mastitis prevention and treatment has helped make Michigan's overall milk quality some of the best in the nation.

In addition to being an active veterinary practitioner, Dr. Sterner enjoys many hobbies including bicycling, hiking, photography and gardening. He and his wife Lynn have three children and one grandchild.



*When the occasion suggests flowers,
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New Scholarships for Dairy Students

For 54 years, the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation (MDMSF) has been helping Michigan State University students fund their education. The MDMSF awards nearly \$100,000 annually to students. It is the largest scholarship fund in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and is funded primarily through gifts from individuals and organizations representing the Michigan dairy industry. This year, the Foundation added four new endowed scholarships for students pursuing a career in the dairy industry. The scholarships are named for Nick Bellows, Red and Edna Cotter, Archie Studer, and Velmar Green.

The **Nick Bellows United Dairy Industry of Michigan Scholarship in Dairy Promotion** will benefit undergraduates in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at MSU with an interest in dairy promotion. The United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM) established the \$3,500 scholarship in Nick's name upon his retirement after serving as CEO for two and a half decades.



Nick Bellows was born and raised on a 320-acre Centennial dairy farm in Eaton Rapids, Michigan where his family milked 40 Holsteins. After serving as an Army Paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division, Nick earned a bachelor's degree in Telecommunications from Michigan State University, and a law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

For two and a half decades, United Dairy Industry of Michigan benefited from the dedicated and supportive leadership of Nick Bellows. As the CEO of United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Nick's record of service included many programs widely recognized as being among the nation's most effective in terms of increasing dairy consumption. This was accomplished by building a solid network of partners in the Michigan business and scientific community who invested their credibility and financial resources in local dairy promotion programs. Additionally, in order to advance programming at the national level, Nick shared his time and expertise by serving as chair and committee member of several Dairy Management, Inc. program planning committees.

The \$4,000 **Red and Edna Cotter Purina Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship** will benefit

veterinary students who completed the Production Animal Scholars Program in the Department of Animal Science and are currently enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine at MSU. Redmond ("Red") and Edna provided the endowment to the MDMSF after Red's retirement from Ralston-Purina.



Both former students at MSU, the Cotters were generous supporters of multiple programs at MSU. Edna was born on a farm on which is now located MSU's Turfgrass Research (the square bordered by Mt. Hope, Beaumont, Farm Lane and Forest Roads). Red was a 1937 graduate of MSU and after served as a guest lecturer in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He was employed for 43 years with Ralston-Purina, serving as the Sales Manager for Michigan, Ohio and Indiana at the time of his retirement. Mr. Cotter was an inspirational leader and a well-respected motivator of sales and marketing executives.

The **Archie Studer Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship** will benefit undergraduates in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at MSU with an interest in dairy production or breeding. The family of Archie Studer established the \$3,500 scholarship in Archie's name in recognition of a lifetime of involvement in the Michigan dairy industry.



Archie Studer was born on January 13, 1918, the seventh of eleven children growing up on their farm east of Shelby, Michigan. After graduating from Shelby High School in 1937, he managed the family farm. He fought in World War II in the Pacific Theater as a member of the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant in January 1946. After the war, he and his wife Elizabeth moved to Casnovia, Michigan where they established the Kenowa-Acres Dairy Farm.

Over the next 37 years, he bred and raised an outstanding herd of registered Holstein dairy cattle. Utilizing the Artificial Insemination certification he received in the early 1970s, he converted an unknown name to a frequently cited herd prefix for quality animals. Holstein Association USA records show 318 Kenowa-Acres female animals, including four Gold Medal Dams and five Dams of Merit, with 73 of them rated as "Very Good" and two as "Excellent". At least three Kenowa-Acres bulls were selected for use in the AI program. He also won many DHI awards for his cattle herd.

In the 1960s and 1970s he was active in the Muskegon Co. 4-H, serving as a veterinary medicine leader and assisting as his three children (each later graduated from Michigan State University) participated. He was an MMPA member and participated in the Muskegon County DHIA from about 1953 until 1988, serving as president for two years. After his herd was dispersed in 1988, Archie continued crop farming for ten years before retirement.



Scholarship Recipients

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. awarded over \$95,000 in scholarships to undergraduates with a dairy interest at Michigan State University. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academics, extracurricular involvement and interest in a career in the dairy industry. For the 2011-2012 academic year, scholarships were awarded to the following individuals:

Olivia DeVooght

Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship

Olivia DeVooght of Marquette, Mich., was chosen as the 2011-2012 recipient of the Glenn and Anne Lake Scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Inc. The scholarship is named after Michigan dairy farmers Glenn and Anne Lake and provides \$7,500 in scholarship money divided over two semesters. Glenn Lake served as president of Michigan Milk Producers Association and the National Milk Producers Federation.



DeVooght, the daughter of Bill and Mary DeVooght of Marquette, graduated in December 2011 with a double major in animal science and marketing. She has already acquired extensive dairy industry experience in animal health and nutrition research, merchandising and sales, farm management and data management. DeVooght received the award based on her academic achievements, involvement in extracurricular activities and interest in pursuing a career in the dairy industry. While at MSU, she has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club. DeVooght's future career path includes being actively involved with her family's dairy farm or working in pharmaceutical sales.

Eric Sneller

Russel Erickson Scholarship

Eric Sneller of Sebewaing, Mich., was chosen as the 2011-2012 recipient of the Russel Erickson Scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Inc. The \$5,000 scholarship is named after Russel Erickson, Michigan State University (MSU) professor emeritus in the Department of Animal Science, and is awarded to a student whose career aspirations include working on or with dairy farms.

Sneller is the son of Darwin and Kathy Sneller. He is a senior and will receive his bachelor's degree in animal science in May. Sneller received the award based on his academic achievements, involvement in extracurricular activities and interest in pursuing a career related to dairy production. His future career path includes returning to his family's registered Holstein and Brown Swiss dairy operation.

While at MSU, Sneller has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club, which has included helping with the organization's annual cheese sale fundraiser and serving as co-chairperson of the annual Spartan Spectacular. He also competed on the Michigan 4-H and MSU dairy judging teams and



represented the program on its most recent trip to Europe. Eric participated in the Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge and was a member of the MSU team competing in the 2012 North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge.

Tera Koebel

John and Barbara Dilland Scholarship

Tera Koebel of Three Oaks, Mich., was chosen as the 2011-2012 recipient of the John and Barbara Dilland endowed scholarship through the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Inc., at Michigan State University (MSU). The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of John Dilland, former controller, director of finance and general manager for the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA), and his wife Barbara. The award is presented to an MSU sophomore, junior or senior student majoring in the field of agribusiness management.



Koebel, an MSU agribusiness management senior, is the daughter of Terry and Jennie Koebel. She received the award based on her academic achievements and involvement in extracurricular activities. While at MSU, Koebel has been an active member of and held leadership positions with the MSU Dairy Club, Sigma Alpha professional agriculture sorority, the Collegiate Farm Bureau and Collegiate FFA. She has completed two study abroad experiences, including one trip to Belgium and the Netherlands and one to South Africa. Koebel was a member of the MSU dairy judging team that placed first in both oral reasons and the Holstein breed at the 2011 World Dairy Expo intercollegiate dairy judging contest. She was the third highest placing individual overall in oral reasons at the same contest. Last summer, Koebel completed an internship in Texas with Elanco Animal Health. She has accepted an offer to take part in a similar experience with the company this summer in the Midwest.

The John and Barbara Dilland endowed scholarship was established in 2010 by the MMPA board of directors upon John's retirement. He held the positions of controller, director of finance and general manager over the course of his 35 years of service to the organization. Besides his involvement in MMPA, he has served in leadership capacities on several national organizations including the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the National Milk Producers Federation and the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy.



Henry Reinart

Redmond and Edna Cotter Scholarship

Henry Reinart of Hopkins, Mich., was chosen as the 2011-2012 recipient of the Redmond (“Red”) and Edna Cotter endowed scholarship through the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Inc. The \$4,000 scholarship is named in honor of Red Cotter, an inspirational dairy industry leader and respected motivator of sales and marketing executives, and his wife Edna. Reinart is the first recipient of the Cotter endowed scholarship.



Reinart, the son of Christopher Reinart, received the award based on his academic achievements, involvement in extracurricular activities and interest in pursuing a career as a large animal (production animal) veterinarian. He graduated from MSU with a bachelor’s degree in animal science, with honors, in 2010. Reinart is on schedule to earn his master’s degree in food science in May 2013 and his doctorate of veterinary medicine specializing in production animal medicine in May 2014.

While at MSU, Reinart has been an active member of and held leadership positions with the Michigan FFA, the Michigan FFA Past State Officer Organization, College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2014 student organization, MSU Theriogenology Club, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) Student Senate, Associated Students of MSU, and Leadership in Environmental and Agricultural Fields (LEAF). He has also been a member of the MSU Food Animal Club, served on the College of Veterinary Medicine curriculum committee and the University Committee on Academic Policy, and was a finalist for the CANR Outstanding Senior Leadership Award and the MSU Department of Student Life Leader of the Year award. Reinart competed in the MSU Dairy Challenge (advanced division and veterinary division) and was a member of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners student quiz bowl 2011 national championship team. Last summer, he completed a food systems fellowship with Merck Animal Health.

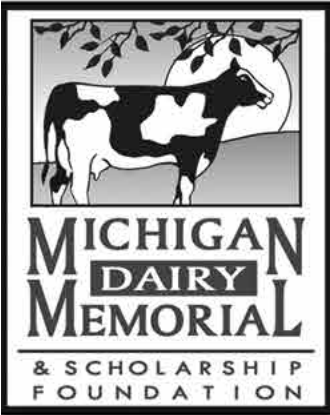
Lauren Bush

Jack and Betty Barnes International Michigan Dairy Memorial Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)

Lauren Bush of Swartz Creek, Mich., was chosen as a 2011-2012 recipient of the Jack and Betty Barnes Scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Inc. The scholarship is named after the late Jack and Betty Barnes and provides \$1,000 in scholarship money for a student to complete an international study experience. Jack Barnes was employed with the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) for 39 years and served 26 of these years as general manager.



Bush is the daughter of George Bush and Betsy Bush of Swartz Creek and is an MSU junior studying animal science. She received the award based on her academic achievements and involvement in extracurricular activities. While at MSU, Bush has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club serving as membership and activities chairperson, helping with the organization’s annual cheese sale fundraiser and serving as co-chairperson of the annual Spartan Spectacular heifer sale. She also competed on the Michigan 4-H and MSU dairy judging teams and competed on the team that placed first in oral reasons and the Holstein breed at the 2011 World Dairy Expo intercollegiate dairy judging contest. Bush used her scholarship money to travel to Europe in June 2011 as a representative of the Michigan 4-H and MSU dairy judging program.



Garrett Slavik

Archie Studer Scholarship

Garrett Slavik of Ashley, Mich., was chosen as the 2011-2012 recipient of the Archie Studer Scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Inc. The \$3,500 scholarship is named after the late Archie Studer, who owned and operated Kenowa Acres Dairy Farm for more than 35 years. Slavik is the first recipient of the Studer Scholarship.

Slavik, the son of Jim and Doreen Slavik, is a freshman pursuing a degree in animal science. He received the award based on his academic achievements, involvement in extracurricular activities and interest in pursuing a career related to dairy cattle breeding or production. Slavik's future career path includes attending the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine to become a large animal veterinarian. His goal is to one day practice as a dairy and beef cattle veterinarian or specialize in embryo transfer, but he doesn't leave out the possibility of returning to his family's 400-acre, 140-cow dairy and 40-head beef cattle operation.

While at MSU, Slavik has been an active member of the MSU Dairy Club. He also competed on the Michigan 4-H dairy judging team, which finished third place in oral reasons and fifth place overall at the 2011 National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wis.



Bryan Mahoney

Velmar Green Scholarship

Bryan Mahoney of Saint Charles, Mich., was chosen as the 2011-2012 recipient of the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Inc., Velmar Green Scholarship in Agricultural Technology. The \$3,500 scholarship is named in honor of innovative dairy leader Velmar Green of Elsie, Mich. The award is presented to a second-year student in the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy management certificate program.

Mahoney, the first-ever recipient of the Velmar Green Scholarship, is the son of John and Doris Mahoney. He received the award based on his academic achievements, involvement in extracurricular activities and interest in returning to his family's dairy farm upon his graduation in December from the MSU dairy management program. Mahoney, who completed his placement training last summer on a dairy farm in Shelby, Neb., hopes to one day purchase his family's dairy operation from his parents. He hopes to expand the herd size internally and modernize the dairy's milking and housing facilities. The family currently milks 30 cows and farms 500 acres.

The Velmar Green Scholarship was established in 2011 by the Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) to recognize Green for his 42 years of service to the MMPA board of directors.



Bruce BeVier: A Tribute

We are saddened by the passing of MDMSF Board member Bruce BeVier who passed away on February 11, 2012 at the age of 83. Bruce was involved with the MDMSF for over 30 years when he joined the board representing Michigan Dairy Foods. Bruce had retired as general manager of Sealtest Foods/Dominion Dairies. In the 2009 edition of the MDMSF newsletter, Bruce summed up his thoughts on the MDMSF:



"Our oldest son was a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship winner in the early 1970's. He majored in Food Science, his second choice behind VET school. The amount, maybe \$300-500, was a God-send at the time. We, my wife and I, didn't have two nickels extra and we had three others coming along. But we were grateful. No such programs were available to the two of us when we went through. We vowed to ourselves that this would be a loan, as opposed to a GIFT, which we would guarantee and repay. We have, in spades. This attitude however, at board level, provides for a healthy, highly sought after and growing scholarship plan. I have always been a believer in the program, ready to discuss it at the drop of a hat anytime, ready to work when I entered a meeting, and overwhelmingly proud of the accomplishments, program and students. I pray that one day people will remember me, as one of many I have worked with, who believe in the YOUTH of today by being a part of such fine programs as

the two, Trout included, both at MSU." – Bruce BeVier



Dairy Memorial Recipients

Dairy Memorial Scholarships (\$3,500)

Kelly Jaynes of Bartlett, Illinois graduated this spring with a degree in Animal Science. She worked with the Animal Behavior and Welfare Group, studying the adaptation of cows to automatic milking systems, and participated in a study abroad program in the Netherlands. Kelly will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison veterinary school in the fall and plans to work as a large animal veterinarian.

Jordan Austin of Saranac will graduate this fall with a degree in Animal Science. He has worked as an assistant herdsman for an area dairy farm, and plans to continue working in the agricultural industry after graduation.

Lauren Bush of Swartz Creek is working on a double major in Animal Science and Agribusiness Management. Lauren has been active in 4-H, dairy judging, as Michigan Dairy Ambassador, Michigan Junior Holstein Association, and as an officer in the MSU Dairy Club. She has interned with Pfizer Animal Health and for an area dairy farm. Lauren plans to work in the dairy industry after graduation, and has a special interest in purebred dairy cattle.

Kelsey Byars of Webberville is completing her major in Animal Science with a minor in Agronomy. Kelsey serves as vice-president of the MSU Dairy Club and as co-chairperson of the club's annual cheese sale. Kelsey is also active in her church and in student government in her dormitory. During breaks from classes, Kelsey gains valuable experience as the calf manager for an area dairy farm. Kelsey is interning in Africa this summer and is considering an international emphasis in her future career in the dairy industry.

Leah Cardona of Chicago graduated this spring with a degree in Food Science. Leah is passionate about innovating non-allergenic dairy products to increase the variety of flavorful dairy foods for people with allergies to dairy.

Stacey Choate grew up on a family dairy farm in Cement City and graduated this spring in Animal Science with a specialization in Agribusiness Management. Stacey has gained extensive experience during her internships with Michigan Farm Bureau, MSU Extension and Greenstone Farm Credit Services. Stacey participated in Block and Bridle, MSU Collegiate Farm Bureau, 4-H and as a college ambassador.

Brandon Gingrich of LeRoy grew up on a family dairy farm, and returned to the farm following graduation this spring. Brandon worked on his family's farm during breaks, and was instrumental in the farm's recent conversion to automated milking systems. His family's farm will host a Breakfast on the Farm event this summer.

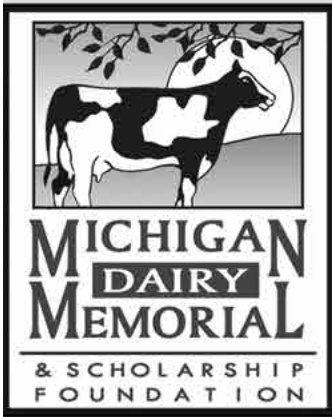
Katelyn Horning of Manchester grew up on a family dairy farm and her interest in the dairy industry has continued to grow over the years. Katelyn is the granddaughter of recent Foundation Honoree Earl (Diane) Horning, and assists in management on the family farm. Katelyn is working on a major in Animal Science, and participates in MSU Dairy Club and dairy and livestock judging. Katelyn is interning with Michigan Milk Producers Association this summer.

Kristi Kocsis of Lansing graduated this spring with a degree in Animal Science. Kristi participated in MSU Block and Bridle Club and the Midwest Regional Dairy Challenge. She completed an internship with Vita Plus this spring, and plans to work in dairy nutrition.

Sarah Michalek of Deckerville is a sophomore majoring in Environmental Studies and Agriscience, concentrating in Communications. Sarah participates in MSU Dairy Club, dairy cattle judging, MSU National Agri-Marketing Association and served as Junior Dairy Ambassador. Sarah will intern with Michigan Farm Bureau this summer.

Jason Smith of Fremont grew up on a family dairy farm where he developed his love for the dairy industry. Jason is working on a double major in Crop and Soil Sciences and Agribusiness Management, and participates in Alpha Gamma Rho, MSU Block and Bridle Club, and MSU Dairy Club.

Carrie Szybisty of Redford graduated this spring with her degree in Animal Science. Carrie completed the Production Animal Scholars program and will attend veterinary school at MSU this fall. Carrie participated in the MSU Dairy Challenge and on MSU's national Dairy Challenge team. She worked at MSU's campus dairy farm for several years in addition to serving as an officer in the MSU Dairy Club and completing undergraduate research in the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association.



Dairy Memorial Recipients

Shelbie Britton of Limestone finished her first year in the Dairy Management program. Shelbie has worked on a dairy farm near her hometown for several years while earning an Associate's degree, and gained extensive experience in care and management of calves and cows. Shelbie is currently employed at the MSU campus dairy farm.

Sarah Ring of Belding is a sophomore in Animal Science. She has been active in 4-H and FFA, and worked on an area dairy farm during high school. Sarah is currently considering a career as a dairy inspector.

Ron Groen from Teeswater, Ontario, Canada finished his first year in the Dairy Management program. Ron grew up on a family dairy farm where he has been actively involved. He participates in Dairy Club and will intern this summer on a dairy farm in California. After graduation, Ron plans to complete a 4-year degree at MSU before returning to the farm.

Adam Guernsey of Ionia developed his interest in dairy cattle while helping on his grandfather's dairy farm as a child. He started milking cows on an area dairy farm 8 years ago, and recently finished his first year in the Dairy

Freshman Scholarships (\$1,500)

Management program. Adam has been active in 4-H, FFA and MSU Dairy Club. He is completing an internship on a dairy farm in Nebraska.

Laura Small of Kimball is a sophomore in Animal Science in the Production Animal Scholars program. Laura grew up on a family dairy farm where she continues to be involved with animal care. Laura is active in 4-H, MSU Dairy Club, and Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association. Laura plans to attend veterinary school following graduation.

Jade Cox of Coldwater graduated this spring from the Dairy Management program. Jade grew up on her family's dairy farm, where she assisted with milking and animal care. During her time at MSU, Jade completed internships on two different dairy farms. She participated in the MSU Dairy Club, dairy cattle judging and 4-H. She plans to continue her education in a 4-year program at MSU.

Cody Koster of McBain graduated this spring from the Dairy Management program. Cody participated in Farmhouse fraternity and MSU Dairy Club, and completed an internship on a large farm and calf ranch in California. After graduation, Cody returned home to the family dairy farm.

Jeff Reid of Jeddo graduated this spring from the Dairy Management program. Jeff grew up on a family dairy farm and plans to return to the farm after graduation. He completed an internship on an area dairy farm. Jeff has a family and is responsible for feeding and animal care on his family's farm.

James Stuart of Lowell graduated this spring from the Dairy Management program. James served in the United States Marine Corps where he earned several awards prior to his education at MSU. James completed an internship on an area dairy farm last summer. James grew up on a family dairy farm and returned to the farm after graduation.

Ag Tech Scholarships (\$2,000)

Britney Zondlak of Byron Center finished her first year in the Dairy Management program this spring, and plans to obtain her bachelor's degree in Animal Science with a specialization in Agribusiness Management. Britney earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with minors in Spanish and Advertising prior to coming to MSU. For the past 7 years Britney has worked as a farm manager on an area dairy farm, and this summer is interning on a dairy farm in Holland. She plans to pursue a career in dairy-related advertising and promotion after graduation.



MSU Dairy Judging Program

By Joe Domecq

On behalf of all the young people who participated on Michigan 4-H, Ag Tech and Collegiate Dairy Judging Teams this past year; I want to thank you for your generous support. Over 25 students and youth participated throughout this past summer and fall. The state of Michigan was successfully represented in several contests during the past year. The program experienced a lot of success last year. Teams representing Michigan placed in the top three in oral reasons in 50% of the possible contest in which they participated, with the collegiate dairy judging team placing first in oral reason and Holsteins at World Dairy Expo.

While doing well in a contest is very special, the skills that these young people are developing are more important than contest results. We all know the importance of the communication and decision making skills that dairy judging develops. Students also benefit from the exposure to the different people and experiences during the fall judging season, which will hopefully open their eyes to all of the opportunities that are available in the dairy industry.

Four second-year Michigan State University (MSU) Institute of Agricultural Technology dairy production management program students competed in the 2011 International Postsecondary Dairy Judging Contest held during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis.

The team placed seventh out of the 12 teams competing in Madison. The team also traveled to the 38th annual North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Team members were Shawn Baker, Sterling; Deidre Bowen, Cass City; Jade Cox, Coldwater; and Ryan Silvernail, Fremont.

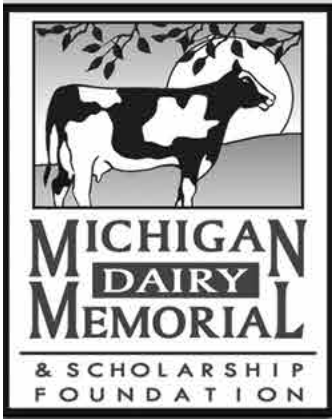
The 2011 MSU collegiate team members were Katie Arndt, advertising senior from St. Johns; Lauren Bush, animal science junior from Swartz Creek; Tera Koebel, MSU agribusiness junior from Three Oaks; and Eric Sneller, animal science senior from Sebewaing.

The team competed in three competitions: the 43rd annual All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Judging Contest, Harrisburg, Pa.; the 91st annual World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, Madison, Wis.; and the 38th annual North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE), Louisville, Ky.

Your continued support makes participation in judging easier for youth in Michigan and allows students and youth to travel to many different locations across the country. I hope you are all as proud of the efforts of these outstanding young people as I am.



The MSU Collegiate Dairy Judging Team included (left to right) Lauren Bush; Tera Koebel; Eric Sneller; Katie Arndt; and Dr. Joe Domecq, coach.



“As tuition continues to rise, so does the outpouring of support from the MDMSF for students with a passion for the dairy industry. The support I have received through scholarship from the MDMSF has allowed me to worry less about funding and focus more on getting the most out of my education.”

-Kevin Messing

Former MDMSF Scholarship Recipients

What Are They Doing Now?

Luke Haywood (1998 BS, Animal Science - Dairy Business Management, MSU), currently co-owner of Sand Creek Dairy LLC in Hastings, Michigan, a 1200-cow milking and dry cow fifth generation farm. The family farm has been in the Haywood family since 1909.

Aimee Bedard (1988 BS, Food Science, MSU), currently Senior Director, Advanced Innovation (R & D), Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Emily Green (2003 BS, Ag Education), is currently an Agriculture Teacher at Cambridge High School in Cambridge, Wisconsin.

Melissa (Siemen) Rogers (2003 BS & BA in Agriculture and Natural Resources Communications and Advertising), Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations, GreenStone Farm Credit Services, based out of the corporate office in East Lansing, Michigan.

Lindsay (Kirk) Garrison (2004 BS, Animal Science), AgriConsumer Financial Services Officer, GreenStone Farm Credit Services in Adrian, Michigan.

Beth (Munsell) Heinze (2004 BS, Animal Science, 2006 MS, Animal Science), University of Wisconsin Extension Dairy Youth Specialist with the Dairy Science Department at UW Madison and also a part owner of Heinze Holsteins in Portage, Wisconsin.

Katie (Hyde) Pierson (2005 BS, Animal Science, Ag Business), Michigan Milk Producers Association Member Representative in Coleman, Michigan.

Celebrate Dairy Leaders with the Gift that Keeps Giving *Name an MDMSF Honoree*

One of the ways the MDMSF grows its endowment fund is through the honoring of individuals for their distinguished service to Michigan's dairy industry. More than 180 individuals have been named MDMSF Honorees since the foundation's establishment over 50 years ago.

A gift of \$1,000 or more to the MDMSF provides permanent recognition and honors a dairy leader for their service and contributions to the dairy industry. Foundation honorees receive personal recognition from the foundation and their names are inscribed on a plaque in Anthony Hall at MSU. In addition, their biography and photograph are kept in permanent records in the MSU Department of Animal Science. In addition, photographs of MDMSF Honorees are now on display at the MSU Pavilion.

The items needed for naming an MDMSF Honoree include: a \$1,000 contribution to the MDMSF, an 8 X 10 photo of the honoree and a one page biography on the honoree. Many times the presentation to an MDMSF Honoree is given at an industry or MDMSF event. At other times, an individual is honored posthumously for their service to the industry by making a presentation to the deceased honoree's family.

By honoring individuals through the MDMSF, donors are not only recognizing individuals for their accomplishments in the industry, but they are also investing and providing support to future dairy leaders. As the foundation endowment grows, additional scholarships can be awarded. With the increasing cost of higher education, scholarships often make the critical difference in the lives of students, enabling them to achieve their dreams for the future.

Naming someone as a MDMSF Honoree is a fitting tribute for recognizing someone who has served this great industry of ours. If you are interested in honoring someone through the MDMSF contact:

- Any MDMSF board member
- Dr. Miriam Weber at 517-432-5443 or [msw@msu.edu](mailto:mw@msu.edu)
- CANR Development office at (517) 355-0284



Thank you letters

Thank you for the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I feel very fortunate to be able to receive this scholarship. Once completing my education at Michigan State University, I plan on returning to the family farm and utilizing this money to purchase livestock. This is truly a dream come true for me. Thank you for turning this dream into a reality! Receiving this scholarship is truly an honor. -**James Stuart**

Thank you for awarding me the Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I have taken the money and already put it towards a school in Texas to learn how to trim cow hooves. Thank you for this opportunity. -**Cody Koster**

My name is Bryan Mahoney, the son of John and Doris Mahoney. We live and operate a small dairy in Chesaning, located in south west Saginaw County. I am the recipient of the Velmar Green scholarship. I would like to start by saying thank you for funding the scholarship. Its people like you that give us students the opportunity to better ourselves and, if they wish, their home farms, not to mention more enjoyable by taking away some of the financial burden. Your money will be put to good use. Once I am finished with school I will be going back home to work on and begin to buy into the family farm. I hope that I can be the best representative possible for this scholarship. So again thank you for the opportunity. -**Bryan Mahoney**

I would like to thank you for awarding me the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. It will help me greatly. My plans are to finish the Dairy Management program at MSU and once that is finished I plan on attending the Animal Science 4-year program. In this program my goals are to major in Animal Science and minor in Ag-Business. Afterwards, I am planning to go back home and work on our family farm. -**Jade Cox**

Thank you very much for selecting me as a 2011 recipient of a Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship and the Jack and Betty Barnes International Scholarship. Both of these awards will help me pursue educational experiences at Michigan State and abroad. Without your support, financing my education would not be easy. Thank you for your generosity! -**Lauren Bush**

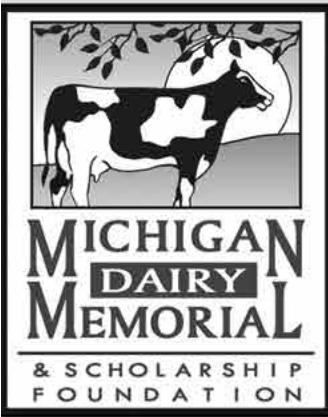
I would like to thank you very much for the generous award you have given me to assist in furthering my education. I feel honored and blessed to be chosen as a 2011 recipient of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I do not believe that I will be able to adequately put into words how much receiving this scholarship means to me. Currently, I work full-time to cover the cost of my tuition expenses. I can now breathe easier knowing that less money is needed to come out of my own pocket. This scholarship will not only allow me greater flexibility in my work schedule so that I may spend more time getting involved at MSU, but it will also allow me the financial freedom to beginning investing in dairy cattle of my own- this has been something I have wanted to do for a long time. I look forward to the years I have left at Michigan State. My first semester in the Ag Tech program has been a wonderful learning experience. What I have learned from my dairy classes only strengthens my passion for the Ag Industry. I know without a doubt that after graduation I will pursue a career in a dairy-related field. For this reason, I am confident this award will be put to good use. -**Britney Zondlak**

Thank you for choosing me for the scholarship. I am grateful that you considered me and will make sure I continue on a career path related to the dairy industry. -**Laura Small**

Thank you so much for the scholarship. This will be a big help as I further my education here at Michigan State University. It is truly an honor to know that scholarships such as this one are helping to fund the education of those who are interested in furthering the dairy industry into the future. -**Jordan Austin**

I am writing to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. Your generosity means a great deal to me and I feel honored to be among those who were chosen. For a long time I have aspired to become a livestock veterinarian and because of this scholarship, I will be able to fulfill my dream. I will use this scholarship to attend veterinary school so that I may graduate and care for the dairy cattle I love so much. Once again, thank you so much for this opportunity. Your generosity will allow me to contribute meaningfully to the livestock and veterinary industries. -**Kelly Jaynes**

I would like to express my greatest appreciation for your generous contribution in support of my college education at Michigan State University. Your financial assistance will allow me to focus more time and effort on school work and less time working just to make ends meet. Your support allows me to spend more time planning and attending events for clubs and organizations such as the MSU Dairy Club or the Collegiate Farm Bureau. I have really been enjoying my classes at MSU, as I am majoring in agri-business management with a focus in the dairy industry. I have more confidence in my future, knowing that the people I look up to in the dairy industry believe in my ability to succeed. -**Tera Koebel**



My name is Kevin Messing and I was chosen to receive the Donald and Valera Murray Scholarship. I cannot overstate how thankful and honored I am to receive this award. As I enter my final year at Michigan State, I am very thankful for the assistance I have received through the years from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation and its donors. As tuition continues to rise, so does the outpouring of support from the MDMSF for students with a passion for the dairy industry. The support I have received through scholarship from the MDMSF has allowed me to worry less about funding and focus more on getting the most out of my education, including holding office in the Michigan State Dairy Club. Knowing the ups and downs of the dairy industry, my parents don't have the ability to fund a college education for my siblings and me. The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation has rewarded me by taking the burden off my parents and allowing me to pay for my own education. Once again, I would like to thank Donald and Valera Murray, Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors, and all of the donors for your generous support of the students who have received an award this year. **-Kevin Messing**

I am writing to thank you for your generous support in the form of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I am a senior at Michigan State University pursuing a degree in Animal Science, pre-veterinary studies. My dream is to continue on to veterinary school after successful completion of this degree and focus on agricultural animal medicine. I would like to specialize in dairy cattle and artificial insemination/reproductive physiology. This scholarship is an amazing form of relief for both my family and me in financing my education. With a parent out of work until just a few months ago, the ways of funding college were becoming more and more of a struggle. As most are aware, the economy in Michigan is less than optimal currently, and because of this, it is very hard to find meaningful employment. This award will help to lift a huge burden. I would also like to thank you for considering someone with a limited background in dairy. As a student from the city, I have found it a struggle to break into the agricultural field. Little by little, I have started to understand agriculture and become more involved. I have found my niche and passion in dairy cows, and I wish to learn all that I can about the field and the animals. I was intimidated to apply for a dairy scholarship, figuring that only people who have lived on dairy farms would be awarded scholarships. I am encouraged in my pursuit of knowledge because others recognize my vigor and enthusiasm. Once again, I would like to thank you for your support. I honestly cannot describe how much this means to me. **-Carrie Szybisty**

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your hard work and dedication with the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation. There are many students at Michigan State University, like myself, who have grown up in and around the dairy world and who whole-heartedly want to contribute to the industry upon graduation. It is nice to know that there are organizations out there, such as the Michigan Dairy Memorial, who are dedicated to assisting young people interested in our industry obtain their degree and develop as people. I feel very honored to have received a scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation and am very excited to come back to MSU next fall and continue my education. Without supporters like you, achieving higher education for those in our industry would definitely be more challenging. Thank you very much for your hard work with this Foundation, and thanks again for your continued support of students in the agricultural field. **-Jason Smith**

Thank you very much for considering and selecting me for a Michigan Dairy Memorial scholarship. I appreciate this scholarship as I enter my senior year completing my degree in Animal Science at MSU. The support from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation helps ensure the future dairy industry of Michigan will be successful. The scholarship will help me financially this year allowing me less worry about financing tuition and focus more in the dairy field for my future as a dairy farmer. I have always been interested in dairy farming since I was very young. I grew up on my family's dairy farm and always spent a majority of my time there working with my grandparents, mom, and uncle which intrigued me to come to Michigan State. After graduating I will be joining the dairy industry. I am honored to receive this scholarship and I will continue working hard. Thank you once again for this opportunity! **-Brandon Gingrich**

I would like to thank the Board of Directors from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. It is an honor to be awarded the scholarship for another year. I plan to continue my dream of studying Food Science with a specialization in Dairy. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. **-Leah Rebecca Cardona**

I am honored to be receiving a scholarship from the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. By accepting this scholarship, I will be better able to pursue my academic and career goals in the dairy industry. The generosity you've shown in helping students continue their education at MSU is truly remarkable and greatly appreciated by all who've ever received support from the Foundation. With rising costs of tuition, alleviating some of the pressure of attaining funds for college is a tremendous load off of our shoulders. This scholarship is essential in helping me achieve my goals, and I thank you for your continuous generosity. **-Sarah Michalek**

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the scholarship that you have given to me! It will definitely be a huge help when it comes to paying for my schooling. Because of this, I believe that I will be better able to begin my career in the agricultural industry once I finish school. Thank you so much! **-Adam Guernsey**

I greatly appreciate the Board for selecting me to receive the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship. I will use this money to pay for my tuition here at Michigan State University. **-Jeff Reid**



Thank you letters, Continued

I would like to thank you very much for selecting me to receive the MDMSF. This is a great honor to me and will really help me out with paying for my education. I plan on taking what I learn at MSU and applying it to a future career in the dairy industry. I want to find a herdsman position, and hopefully one day down the road I can start my own farm. I plan on working hard and achieving this goal. -**Deidre Bowen**

Thank you so much for selecting me as one of the scholarship recipients from the Dairy Memorial Foundation. I look forward to exploring the many opportunities offered by the dairy industry. This financial support is greatly appreciated. -**Kelsey Byars**

Thank you for supporting the MSU Dairy judging Program. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. We have been able to travel to many farms and contests this fall because of your support. Dairy Judging has increased our knowledge of the Dairy Industry and we have developed valuable communication skills. We cannot thank you enough! -**The Dairy Judging Teams**

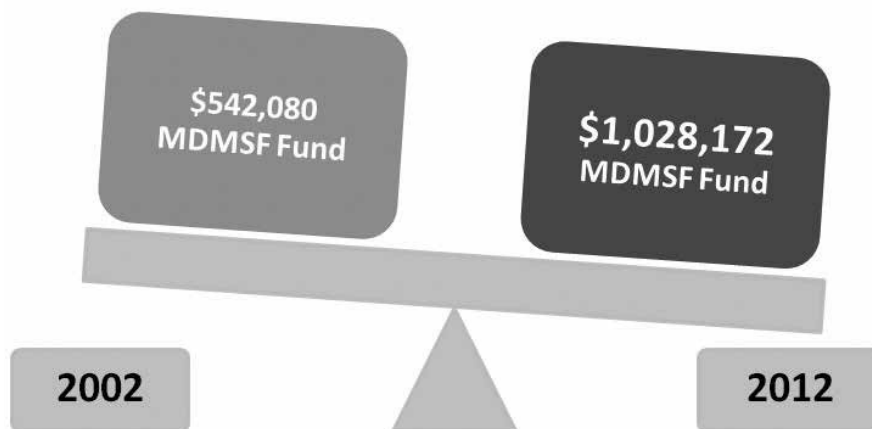
We would like to THANK YOU for supporting the Michigan Dairy Judging Program in 2011. We were 4-H members on the team that went to Louisville. Our Team was 1st overall in Reasons and 2nd place team overall. Thanks for helping us with this great experience representing Michigan at a National contest. -**Shelly Raterink & Hayleigh Geurink**

Investing for the future- Our Endowment at glance

We are pleased to report through the generous support of donors, the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation endowment has nearly doubled in value over the last ten years. For the first time in the history of the MDMSF, the endowment value has topped \$1 million. A larger endowment allows for a greater amount of scholarships to be awarded, reaching even more students who wish to pursue a career in the dairy industry. Over the last decade, the amount of scholarships awarded has also grown from \$62,000 to more than \$96,000, a fifty percent increase. We greatly appreciate your contributions and support to the MDMSF in helping grow the endowment fund. Your gift to the MDMSF endowed fund provides a long-term, dependable source of funding, ensuring that generations of students pursuing careers in the dairy science industry will be able to count on scholarship help from the MDMSF.

Please consider making a donation today. It makes a huge difference.

A Decade of Investment



Board Member Spotlight

In this issue of the newsletter, we are featuring Chuck Courtade and Nancy Blaauw. Chuck, with Dairy Farmers of America, has been on the MDMSF Board of Directors for 10 years and takes over as MDMSF President in 2012. Nancy, a former MDMSF scholarship recipient and employed by GreenStone Farm Credit Services, has served on the MDMSF Board for 12 years and was recently elected as the MDMSF Vice President.

Why did you become involved with the MDMSF?

Courtade: I feel that we have to invest in the future leaders of the industry to keep it strong and viable. I am serving on the FFA Foundation board for the same reason. It is exciting to see the energy and passion that the young people have. We need to encourage our talented youth to remain in agriculture and to leave our industry in good hands for future generations. Michigan's agriculture industry is growing and we need the best and brightest to lead us to even higher levels.

Blaauw: When I was asked to serve on the board, I was honored to serve and give back to a program that helped me during my education. It also provides an opportunity for all types of businesses that are involved in dairy to come together for a common cause of helping the development of future employees.

What do you feel is the most significant accomplishment of the MDMSF throughout your involvement with the MDMSF Board?

Courtade: We have maintained our scholarships at a high level despite the recent difficult financial period.

Blaauw: Serving during the 50 year anniversary of the MDMSF Board was a rewarding experience. It was the perfect opportunity to see how it has grown since its inception and in just the past 3 years since our anniversary. Before this time there were only two named scholarships and now there are 10 and still growing. This has a large impact on students with the continued increase in tuition.

What message do you have for students considering a career in the dairy industry?

Courtade: There are many opportunities out there. Right now my employer, Dairy Farmers of America, is looking to hire at least four people in this area. The positions are all the way from entry level to management. I know others are hiring as well and, looking at the age of our staff, we will be needing more in the not so distant future. Production continues to grow and there are opportunities on farms, as well as in regulatory, farm supply, and the processing side to name a few.

Blaauw: There are so many opportunities in the dairy industry and not just going back to the farm. Businesses that cater to the dairy industry are always looking for students who have a passion about dairy and are willing to bring this back to their companies.

Is there any other information you would like to share with donors, scholarship recipients, etc. regarding the MDMSF?

Courtade: I would like to thank donors for their past contributions and ask them to continue their support as there is always a need for more funds as tuition continues to increase. To the recipients, thank you for taking the time to apply for the scholarships and I would like to encourage you to look at all facets of the industry as you make your career choice. There are many opportunities!



Chuck Courtade



Nancy Blaauw

Former MDMSF Scholarship Recipients

What are you doing now?

The MDMSF is developing a list of the various occupations in which former scholarship recipients are now involved. Please help us update our scholarship recipient records by completing the form below and returning it to Dr. Miriam Weber Nielsen.

Name: _____

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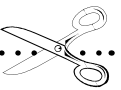
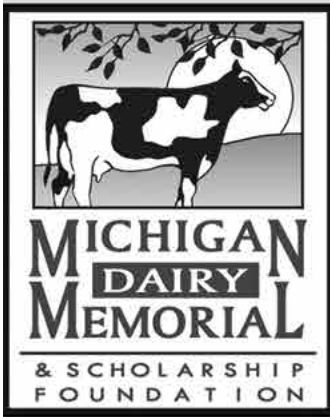
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